

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner objected to Figures 1 and 2C as including new matter.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1 based upon asserted informalities;

In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephonic conference of January 5, 2005, and hereby implements the amendments as agreed to during that conference.

A. The Drawings

Applicant herewith submits New Figure 1 and New Figure 2. A clean copy of the Figures is provided in Exhibit A, while an Annotated Sheet Showing Changes to Figure 1 has been provided in Exhibit B.

The Examiner objected to Figures 1 and 2C as showing new matter, specifically the existence of tape extending around the corners of the wrapped casket, and the illustration of the screen extending above the surface of the wrapped casket. The sections of tape extending around the corners of the wrapped casket have been removed from Figure 1.

With respect to the screen extending above the surface of the wrapped casket, the Examiner asserted that the original disclosure did not provide support for a port/screen assembly having a depth which enables the port/screen to extend outwardly from the side wall of the

enclosure. As discussed during the telephonic conference of January 5, 2005, the original specification describes the use of a ventilator such as that shown in U.S. Pat. No. 4,537,119. As discussed, the referenced ventilator is shown in Figure 4 of the '119 patent as having a three dimensional shape consistent with that as shown in Figure 2C of the present application, and the Examiner agreed to withdraw this objection with respect to Figures 1 and 2c.

B. Claims Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1 as containing an informality, and rejected claim 4 as being indefinite under 35 USC § 112 Paragraph 2 for failing to adequately identify the structural relation between the enclosure, the ventilation port, and the screen. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended herein pursuant to the Examiner's recommendations and the discussions of the telephonic conference of January 5, 2005. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

Inasmuch as Applicant has traversed the contentions of the Examiner in a diligent effort to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice Of Allowance for claims 1-4. Applicant further respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone call should there be any outstanding issues related to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIGURE 1

